



Bumps and patchwork fixes like these will be a thing of the past on several Davis bike paths.

## Bike Paths to Benefit from Stimulus Money

Federal stimulus dollars will benefit Davis in a noticeable way this summer when the city replaces approximately 68,000 square feet of asphalt bike paths with concrete in eight different locations. The city's current standard recommends concrete for bike paths since it is much more durable than asphalt. Bike paths get a lot of use, and they are often surrounded by trees and vegetation. While the trees provide needed shade and a lovely ambiance, tree roots can also wreak havoc underneath the pathways, making them dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians. In addition to the concrete work, this project will also involve careful pruning where roots currently extend underneath the bike path. Root barriers will be installed to redirect roots headed toward the bike paths.

The improvements will occur on the following bike paths:

- Walnut Park connector from Lillard Drive to Walnut Park

- Harper Junior High (west side) from Covell to Ascada Place
  - Evergreen Greenbelt from Covell Blvd (west of 113) to the bike bridge at Santa Rosa Street
  - Veterans Memorial Building frontage at 203 East 14th Street
  - East side of Anderson Road from Catalina to Peregrine Ave.
  - West side of Anderson Road from Barcelona to Catalina Dr.
  - Northstar Perimeter Bike path along Sandpiper Dr.
  - Lake Boulevard (west side) from Lake Terrace Circle to 919 Lake Boulevard (club field)
- The city of Davis is receiving \$600,000 in economic stimulus money, which will pay for two-thirds of this project's cost. City path maintenance funds will cover the remainder of the costs. These improvements should be completed by fall 2009.
- For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (530) 757-5686.

## May is Bike Month

The entire community is being challenged to ride their bicycles more and drive less during May. Complete up-to-date information can be found on the city's web site: [www.cityofdavis.org](http://www.cityofdavis.org)

### May 1 to May 31: May is Bike Month

The citizens of Davis and the entire region are part of a Million Mile May challenge to use bicycles to commute and run errands. By registering at: [www.mayisbikemonth.com](http://www.mayisbikemonth.com) you can track the number of pounds of CO2 and other pollutants that are prevented from entering the atmosphere as a result of the more than 1 million bicycle miles during May in the Sacramento region.

**May 2: Shop by Bike Downtown**  
**Central Park, E Street Plaza & Downtown Businesses**  
**11:00 a.m.** Check in first at Central Park with the bicycle you rode downtown and receive a free canvas shopping bag from the Davis Downtown Business Association.

■ Noon to 2:00 p.m. at E Street Plaza: Free bike baskets (while supplies last) installed when you show downtown Davis purchase receipts for shopping on May 2.

For more information: [tgoddard@cityofdavis.org](mailto:tgoddard@cityofdavis.org) or [joy@davisdowntown.com](mailto:joy@davisdowntown.com)

**May 2: UC Davis Bike Auction**  
**West Entry Parking Structure**  
**8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

■ Choose from over 400 used and "fixer upper" bicycles that will go to the highest bidder. Produced by the Transportation and Parking Services at UC



Davis and they will accept cash, check and major credit cards.

For more information go to: <http://taps.ucdavis.edu/bicycle/auctions/> or contact David Takemoto-Weerts at (530) 752-BIKE or [dltakemotoweerts@ucdavis.edu](mailto:dltakemotoweerts@ucdavis.edu)

### May 9: Davis Cyclebration at Farmer's Market

**Central Park**  
**8:00 am to 1:00 pm**

■ Ride your bicycle to the Davis Farmer's Market to participate in "Bike to the Market Day." Join the city, university and community in celebrating Mother's Day during the Whole Earth Festival. Free bike baskets (while supplies last) and information.

Produced by Davis Bicycles! More information can be found at: <http://www.davisbicycles.org/> or by e-mailing: [info@davisbicycles.org](mailto:info@davisbicycles.org)

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## Second Street Corridor Improvement Project

Beginning July 6, Second Street in downtown Davis will begin a transformation to become more pedestrian friendly. The four intersections between C and F Streets will receive the "bulb-out" treatment to shorten the crossing distances and improve accessibility.

Two designated bus stops will be created and on-street parking spaces will be re-stripped resulting in a net increase of available parking. The landscaping and lighting at each corner will be dramatically improved with the addition of new trees, shrubs and light fixtures.

While the project construction work is underway, the storm drainage system on Second Street will undergo an extensive upgrade. The entire stretch of Second Street between B and G Streets will also be resurfaced before the project is completed.



Pedestrian walkways will remain open during the project with minor detours. Street closures will be limited and a phased project schedule will minimize traffic diversions.

The approximately \$700,000 project will be funded with federal economic stimulus monies. The Second Street Corridor Project is scheduled to be completed by November.

For more information on this project, contact the City Manager's Office at (530) 757-5602.

# Re-refined motor oil good for vehicles and the environment

Modern, certified, re-refined motor oil is premium oil - just like motor oil made from crude base stock. When it's in your car, you wouldn't know it was re-refined unless you were told.

Oil doesn't wear out; it just gets dirty. Re-refining purifies it to equal or better quality levels than many new oils. That's what the standard-setting organization, the American Petroleum Institute (API) says, and that's why re-refined oil that meets API standards is certified by them. Check for the certification label on the oil container.

Vehicle and engine manufacturers require that motor oils used in their vehicles and engines be API certified. Re-refined motor oil is tested and certified to the same standards as new motor oil. Since the performance tests for re-refined and new motor oil are the same, certified products, whether re-refined or new, are equivalent. New ve-

hicle warranties are not affected by the use of API certified re-refined motor oil.

Public fleets across the state run on re-refined motor oil. In addition to the City of Davis, the State of California, University of California, and Yolo County are among the many public agency fleets committed to re-refined oil. Many private fleets also run on re-refined motor oil.

The city has used re-refined motor oil in all city vehicles and equipment - cars, pickups, mowers, backhoes, police patrol cars and fire trucks - since 1993. The city fleet has experienced no problems related to the use of re-refined motor oil.

City police patrol cars are one of the best examples of the quality of today's re-refined motor oil. The police cars stay in service for about four years and usually accumulate over 100,000 miles of service before they are retired. This is severe service driving.



The bodies and accessories are worn out, but the engines are still in good shape due to good preventative maintenance practices and high quality re-refined motor oil.

Numerous companies sell re-refined motor oil in bulk deliveries to fleets, but the availability of re-refined motor oil in quart sized containers is limited. Some local quick lube business do offer re-refined motor oil, just ask! Quick lube operators want your business and will offer re-refined lubricants if enough of their customers request it.

You don't have to pay a premium for re-refined motor oil. It is usually priced the same or less than many major-brand nationally-sold motor oils.

For the do-it-yourself oil changer, check out the city's website at: [www.davisrecycling.org](http://www.davisrecycling.org). You can complete the recycling loop by recycling your used motor oil and filter and purchasing quality re-refined motor oil. This reduces energy, reduces the chance of polluting our ground and water resources, and helps reduce our energy dependence on imported oil.

## Getting Back to Nature..

### Davis Bike Loop

In 2007 the City of Davis sprayed markings on bike paths establishing a loop around Davis at the suggestion of a local group, Davis Bicycles!.

This route, now known as the Davis Bike Loop, offers safe passage for cyclists (and pedestrians) in a ring around town. The loop features several underpasses and overpasses, grade separated bike paths and amenities.

The main portion of the loop totals a distance of 12 miles and is marked in green with the Davis highwheeler bike logo, the words "Davis Bike Loop" and directional markers. Riders who follow the loop will travel on the Dave Pelz I-80 Overcrossing, the I-80 Underpass, scenic Davis neighborhoods and through community amenities such as the UC Davis Arboretum and Davis Community Park. Complete bicycle maps are available in kiosks at various locations on the loop.

For more information about the Davis Bike Loop, contact the Public Works Department at (530) 757-5686.

### Herb & Wildlife Garden Path

A transformation is slowly taking place along the bicycle path that runs east and west between the new John Barovetto Park in Mace Ranch, across the bicycle path heading over the Dave Pelz overcrossing and ending at Fifth Street.

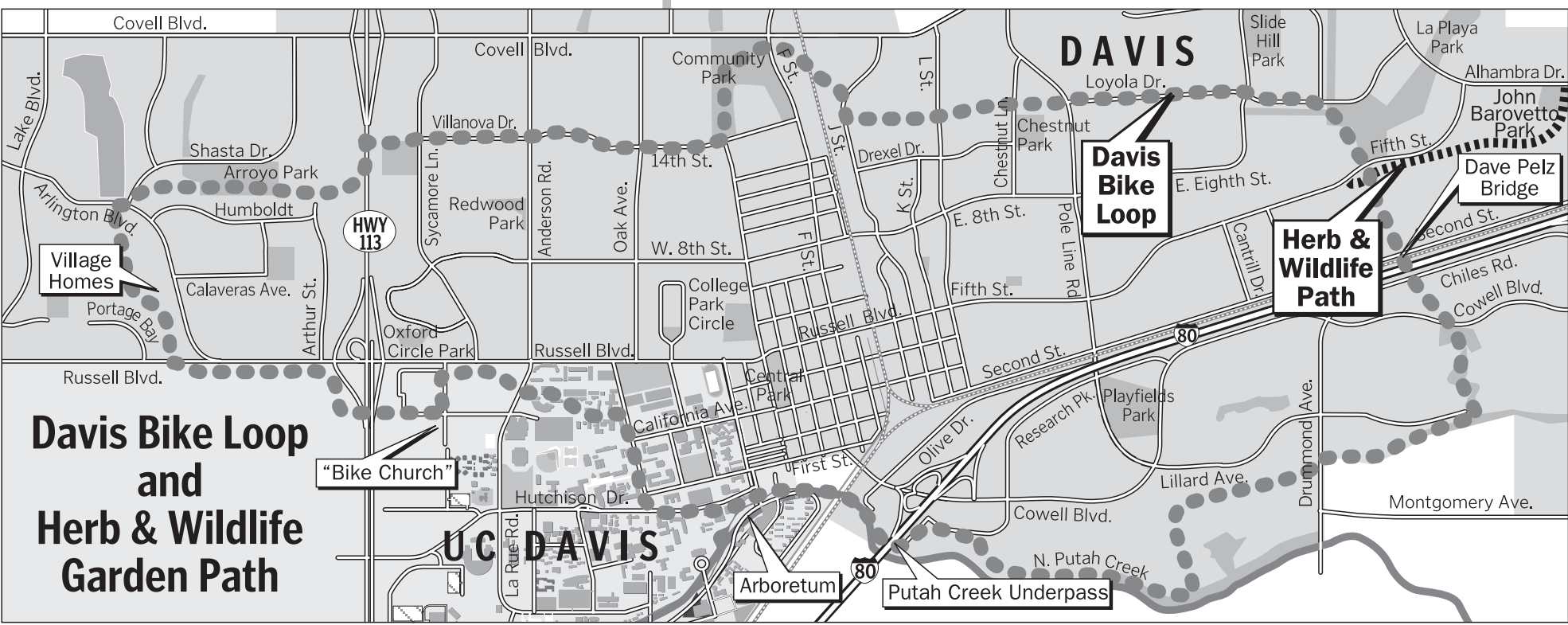
The path that parallels the fenced Mace Ranch drainage channel is being turned into the country's longest public herb garden. Thanks to volunteers, the landscaping will be truly "green" in that no pesticides or herbicides

are being used for the almost mile-long garden.

The south side of the path is currently being weeded and planted. After the ground is "solarized" using the sun to burn off any weeds, the north side of the path will be planted this December with 8,000 plugs of native grasses. In 2009 the north side of the channel inside the chain link fence will be planted with landscaping designed to attract hummingbirds. In 2010, the path on the east side of Barovetto Park will be planted.

There are regular work parties scheduled on most Saturdays where volunteers perform such chores as: weeding, planting cuttings, setting out sheet mulching and trimming bushes.

Interested volunteers or groups can contact Bob Stephenson, Community Services Program Coordinator at (530) 757-5642, extension 7329 or e-mail at: [rstephenson@cityofdavis.org](mailto:rstephenson@cityofdavis.org)



**Davis Bike Loop  
and  
Herb & Wildlife  
Garden Path**

# Alternative Transportation Corridor

The city of Davis is joining with Woodland and the County of Yolo to study possible alternative routes for a multi-use, off-road path for bicycles, pedestrians, and potentially low-speed electric vehicles between Woodland and Davis.

If built, the pathway would begin in north Davis, travel through unincorporated parts of Yolo County and connect to the southern part of Woodland.

Approximately 21,000 week-day one-way trips or 10,500 daily round trips are made between Woodland and Davis. It is estimated that 2,250 of the 21,000 trips made are Woodland residents commuting to UC Davis.

Currently about 1 percent of workers who live in Woodland commute to Davis on a bicycle. About 4 percent of workers who live in Davis commute on a bike to their jobs in Woodland. It is anticipated that the corridor

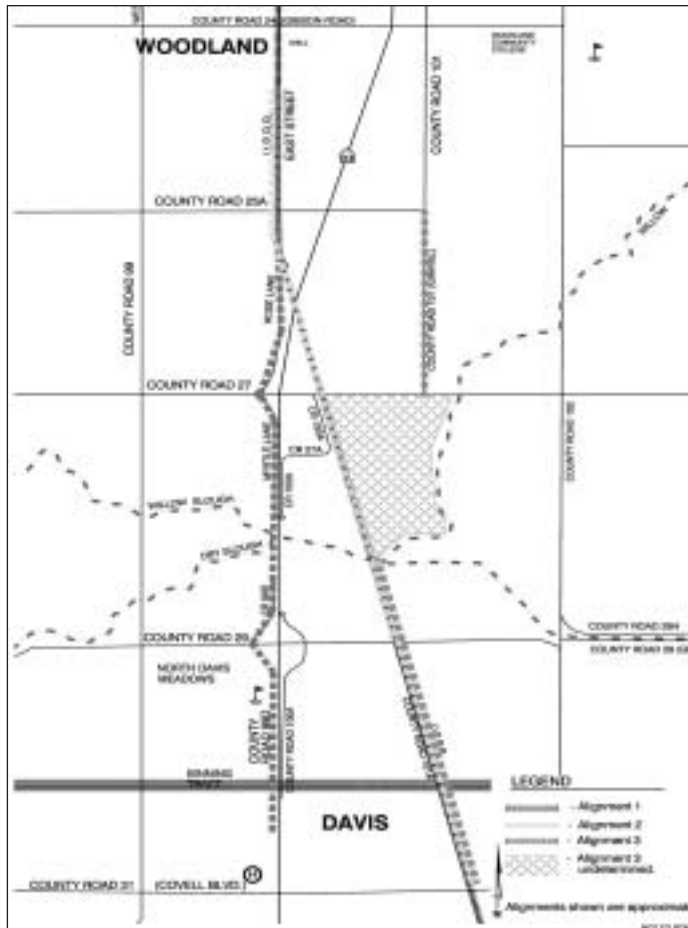
would also attract extensive weekend recreational bicycle travel.

An obvious benefit from an alternative transportation corridor would be cleaner air and fewer vehicle emissions in Yolo County.

The study will also look at alignment options, financing, alternative routes, pathway designs, and overall corridor use. The feasibility study is being funded jointly by the three agencies. State and Federal funds are being actively pursued for design, engineering and construction of the corridor pathway.

If the project is approved and adequate financing is obtained, construction for alternative transportation corridor could begin in the next couple of years.

For additional information regarding this project, visit [www.yolocounty.org](http://www.yolocounty.org) (go to Community, then Alternative Transportation Corridor). At the city of Davis Public Works Department, contact Roxanne Namazi at [RNamazi@cityofdavis.org](mailto:RNamazi@cityofdavis.org) or (530) 757-5675 for more information.



This diagram shows three corridor alignment options.



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 See Cable Channel 16 for city info, announcements, and public meetings.

**EMERGENCY** (land line) **911**  
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# Downtown Happenings

## UC Davis Cycling Team Hosts Championship Race Downtown

The University of California Davis Cycling Team will host the Western Collegiate Cycling Conference Championship Criterium Races on Sunday, April 26th in downtown Davis.

The criterium events in different classifications will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:10 p.m. The race course will be identical to the Davis 4th of July Criterium. The Start and Finish located on the corner of F Street and 3rd Street. "Team Alley" booths will be in the E Street Plaza.

Other cycling teams scheduled to compete include: UC Berkeley, Stanford University, UCLA, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, UC Santa Barbara, University of Nevada Reno, UC San Diego, Santa Clara University, Cal State Humboldt, UC Santa Cruz, Cal State Chico, and Cal State San Diego.

For more information about the championship races e-mail Christopher Swinehart at: [crswinehart@ucdavis.edu](mailto:crswinehart@ucdavis.edu) or call the City of Davis at (530) 757-5602.

## Free Downtown Summer Concert Series

A 16-week series of free music concerts will take place every Friday evening, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, in the E Street Plaza in downtown Davis. Sponsored

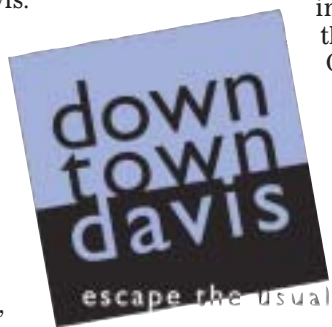
by the Davis Downtown Business Association, the series begins May 22 and continues through September 4. Each week will feature a different music of a different genre, and audience members are encouraged to bring their own portable folding chairs. Participating bands will include Odd Man Out, Frankie and the Fabletones, The Surfliners, Cold Shot and so many more!

For a complete schedule, visit [www.davisdowntown.com](http://www.davisdowntown.com), or call (530) 756-8763

## May 8 "Back to the '80s" concert and ArtAbout to celebrate Downtown Association's 20th year

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Davis Downtown Business Association, visit E Street Plaza on May 8, 7:00 to 9:00 pm for a special "Back to the '80s" live retro concert featuring "Fast Times" 80s Dance Party band. For a sneak peak, visit [www.fasttimes80s.com](http://www.fasttimes80s.com). Additionally, Downtown Davis visitors can look forward to visiting more than a dozen "2nd Friday ArtAbout" venues, as well as retailers and restaurants featuring in-store celebrations and food to take-along to all the evening's activities.

For more information, visit: [www.davisdowntown.com](http://www.davisdowntown.com) or call (530) 756-8763.



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### May 14: Celebrate Davis!

Community Park  
4:30 pm to 9 pm

■ Bicycling is the best way to attend this annual event produced by the Chamber of Commerce. Secure, free valet bicycle parking is available and don't forget your light if you stay for the fireworks.

For more information see: [www.celebratedavis.com](http://www.celebratedavis.com)

### May 16 Davis Double Century

Veterans Memorial Center,  
203 E 14th Street  
5:15 am until dark

■ This is the 40th annual version of Davis' nationally acclaimed 200 mile, one day cycling event produced by Davis Bicycle Club.

For more information, e-mail: [dcinfo@davisbikeclub.org](mailto:dcinfo@davisbikeclub.org) or visit: [www.davisbikeclub.org/ddc/2009/index.htm](http://www.davisbikeclub.org/ddc/2009/index.htm)

### May 20 Bike to Work Day Breakfast

Central Park, 3rd and C Streets  
7:00 am to 9:00 am

■ Ride your bicycle to Central Park on your way to work and get a free biker breakfast produced by the

Yolo Transportation Management Association (Yolo TMA).

For more information, go to: [www.yolotma.org](http://www.yolotma.org) or e-mail: [bob@yolotma.org](mailto:bob@yolotma.org)

### May 21: Capitol BikeFest

State Capitol in Sacramento  
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

■ Enjoy music, prize wheels, award presentations, and drawings for bicycles. Bring your bicycle for a free safety check. There will be safe, staffed Bike Valet parking, tables of information from bike shops, bicycle groups, public transit providers, clean air and walking organizations.

For more information: [www.may-iskikemonth.com/events.asp](http://www.may-iskikemonth.com/events.asp)

### Other events:

Plans are underway for even more bicycle events in May such as a Kick-Off Parade in downtown Davis on May 1, a Full Moon Bike Loop Ride on May 9, Monday Davis Twilight Criteriums on May 11 & 18 (contact: [twilight.crit@daviswheelforworks.com](mailto:twilight.crit@daviswheelforworks.com)), a Green Schools Expo at Central Park on May 23 and the North Davis Bike Loop Opening Ride on a date to be determined.

For more up-to-date information, visit the city's web site at: [www.cityofdavis.org](http://www.cityofdavis.org)

# Hunt Boyer Tank House Project

Some big changes are coming this summer for the condemned tank house located between the Varsity Theatre and the historic Dresbach-Hunt-Boyer Mansion at 604 Second Street. A project has been approved to disassemble, reassemble, and rehabilitate the tank house on the west side of the mansion for potential public use as a visitor information kiosk or private commercial use.

The tank house was originally constructed in 1875 south of the mansion. The tank house was moved to its present location in 1979 to accommodate construction of the Mansion Square commercial development.

Over the years, attempts were made to use the tank house for a succession of small businesses. The city's chief building official condemned the pump house structure in 1998 after an investigation showing that the building was not structurally sound due to extensive rotting of the support timbers.

An environmental impact report was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Qual-

ity Act (CEQA). The Davis City Council then approved a proposal for the relocation and rehabilitation of the tank house which will comply with the Secretary of the Interior's standards for historic properties. This work will commence during the summer of 2009.

At the tank house site between the Varsity Theatre and the Dresbach-Hunt-Boyer Mansion (now city owned offices), a private developer will lease the site and construct a new two-story commercial building. The new building will include a ground floor café and a second floor office. The second floor will be "stepped back" to maintain full visibility of the Varsity's neon marquee.

When the project is completed in 2010, it will increase the vitality on the block and surrounding area, increase public use of the site, maintain compatibility with the adjacent historic resources and remedy an unsafe building for the protection of public health and safety.

For more information on the project, contact the City Manager's Office at (530) 757-5602.



# Gymnastics Classes

The City of Davis Gymnastics & Dance Center offers recreational classes for children and adults ages one and older. The classes build individual self confidence and the skills needed to excel in all areas of life. Gymnastics and dance help social interactions, movement fundamentals, and self-esteem. Participants also develop skills that will enhance playing other sports. Gymnastics creates experiences to be remembered for years to come.

Registration for gymnastics and dance classes is available year-round.

A complete listing of class descriptions and schedules can be found in the city of Davis Recreation Schedule, online at [www.cityofdavis.org](http://www.cityofdavis.org) or by calling (530) 757-5627 for more information.



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